Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Set Specification |
| METEOR identifier: | 689072 |
| Registration status: | [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018 |
| DSS type: | Data Element Cluster |
| Scope: | The Specialist Homelessness Service disability flag cluster defines information to assess the functional status of a person across a range of life areas.The cluster collects:* Type of everyday activity and participation in life areas the client needs help with, including self-care, mobility and communication.
* The level of assistance with activities and participation in a life area the client needs.

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, these data elements are used together to assess the functional status of a person across a range of life areas.The cluster combines the two data elements: *Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N* and *Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N.* The following matrix is completed.

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|   | Always/ sometimes need help and/or supervision | Have difficulty, but don't need help/supervision | Don't have difficulty, but use aids/equipment | Have no difficulty |
| Self-care |   |   |   |   |
| Mobility |   |   |   |   |
| Communication |   |   |   |   |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Collection methods: | It is expected that the data elements in this cluster will be used to collect information from the individual being assessed, or a proxy/carer or service worker answering on their behalf. The responses are phrased in answer to the question 'For each of the following activities, do you need help/supervision, have difficulty, or use aids/equipment?For each activity and participation in life areas, one of the following responses should be selected:* always/sometimes need help and/or supervision
* have difficulty, but don’t need help/supervision
* don’t have difficulty, but use aids/equipment, or
* have no difficulty.

‘Have no difficulty’ should be selected for young children who do not have a long-term condition or disability, who need help/supervision because of their young age.Also required is the following preamble to the question:'The next question is about whether a long-term health condition or disability restricts your everyday activities. A long-term health condition is one that has lasted, or is expected to last, 6 months or more. Examples of long-term health conditions that might restrict your everyday activities include severe asthma, epilepsy, hearing loss, arthritis, depression, autism, kidney disease, chronic pain, speech impairment, stroke.' |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/509290)       [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 01/05/2013 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)       [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 10/08/2018***Conditional obligation:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.***DSS specific information:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at presentation. |

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| Metadata items in this Data Set Specification  |
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| Seq No. | Metadata item | Obligation | Max occurs |
| - | [Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689075) | Mandatory | 1 |
| - | [Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689078) | Mandatory | 1 |

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